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Title: AUDIO SIGNAL OUTPUTTING METHOD AND BGM
GENERATION METHOD

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Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above patent application.

1. Application- 34 pages, including 8 independent claims and 14 claims total.
2. Drawings- 8 sheets of drawings (Figures 1-13).
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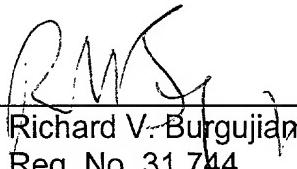
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